

EXHIBIT A

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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JANE DOE and JOHN DOE, Co-Administrators
of the Estate of A.A.,

Plaintiff,

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

-against-

Docket No. 7:18-cv-11797-PMH

BEDFORD CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT;
DR. CHRISTOPHER M. MANNO; SUSAN
OSTROFSKY; HELAYNA HERSCHKORN PACE;
and STEVEN QUINN,

Defendants.

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EMMA L. FREEMAN, an attorney duly admitted to practice law before the Courts of the
State of New York, hereby affirms, pursuant to CPLR 3012-a:

1. I am an attorney at the law firm Emery Celli Brinckerhoff Abady Ward & Maazel LLP.
2. I have received documents and responses to discovery requests from Defendants in this matter. I have reviewed the facts of this case and have consulted with at least one psychologist who is licensed to practice in this State, or any other State, and I reasonably believe that said psychologist is knowledgeable as to the relevant issues involved in this particular action, and I have concluded on the basis of such review and consultation that there is a reasonable basis for the commencement of this action.

Dated: December 18, 2020
New York, New York

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Emma L. Freeman', written over a horizontal line.

Emma L. Freeman

*Attorney for Plaintiffs John
Doe and Jane Doe*